(b) whether the above Board has urged the Government to undertake early implementation of its long pending suggestions for amending the Sick Industrial Companies)Special Provisions) Act, 1985 to enable the Board to function more effectively;

(c) if so, the broad features of these suggestions; and

(d) the steps have taken or propose to be taken by the Government to remove the various lacunae in the Act affecting the working of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Comprehensive amendments to the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 are presently under the consideration of Government, Suggestions for amendments received from several agencies including BIFR are being evaluated for consideration of their inclusion in the comprehensive amendments.

[*Translation*]

Closure of Hope Textile Mills, Indore

1578. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR have recommended the closure of the Hope Textile Mills located in Indore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in regard to the persons to be rendered jobless as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The case of Hope Textile Mills, Indore, stands registered with BIFR. According to BIFR, the company was under winding up notice as on 30.6.91. But order has been reserved on account of stay order from Supreme Court.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) question does not arise.

[*English*]

Expansion of Container Freight Stations

1579. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have felt the need for the expansion of containerisation system;

(b) if so, the places or cities/towns identified therefor;

(c) whether container freight stations are proposed to be set up during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services in their 'Perspective Plan for Development of containerisation in India' have identified 23 potential places for setting-up Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and 71 places for setting-up container Freight Stations (CFSs) in the horizon years 1989-90 to 1999-2000. Lists of these places are attached as Statements I & II respectively.

(c) and (d) ICDs and CFSs are set-up after conducting feasibility studies to determine their viability on the basis of cargo potential. A list of places where container handling facilities have so far been developed is attached as Statement III.

STATEMENT - I

Indian Container Depots (ICDs)

1. Delhi
2. Guwanati
3. Ahmedabad
4. Itune
5. Bangalore
6. Narayanpur Apant
7. Nasix
8. Ludhiana
9. Hyderabad
10. Quilon
11. Coimbatore
12. Vadodara
13. Surat
14. Giridin
15. Ranchi/Jamshedpur
16. Oradabad
17. Truchchirapalli
18. Bhopal
19. Vijayawada
20. Kanpur
21. Veranasi
22. Jal aiguri
23. Anaparti

STATEMENT- II

Container Freight Stations (CFSs)

1. Painpet
2. Amritsar
3. Murshidabad
4. Jalgaon
5. Patna
6. Valsad
7. Indore
8. Jaipur
9. Raipur
10. Calicut
11. Madurai
12. Nagpur
13. Anand
14. Saharanpur
15. Faridabad
16. Ghaziabad
17. Mysore
18. Lucknow

19. Walajah Road
20. Trichur
21. Akola
22. Ambala
23. Rohtak
24. Jalandhar
25. Cuttack
26. Agra
27. Udaipur
28. Modinagar
29. Auran abad
30. Durgapur
31. Bijapur
32. Parbani
33. Ahmednagar
34. Miraj
35. Rajemundri
36. Trivandrum
37. Salem
38. Meerut
39. Solapur
40. Rajkot
41. Buldhana
42. Chittor
43. Gwalior
44. Haridwar
45. Khammam
46. Noida
47. Alleppey
48. Mirzapur
49. Pondichery
50. Erode
51. Ongole
52. Kottayam
53. Warangal
54. Tirunelveli
55. Jabalpur
56. Dhule
57. Kolar
58. Guntur
59. Tumkur
60. Hosur
61. Bhadoi
62. Satara
63. Keta/Guna
64. Jamunanagar
65. Ajmer
66. Bhivani

67. Aligarh

68. Surender Nagar

69. Chandigarh

70. Soniat

71. Parwanoo

STATEMENT - III

Placewhere Container Handling Facilities have been Established

1. Ludhiana

2. New Delhi (Pragati Maidan)

3. Patparganj, Delhi

4. Guntur

5. Anaparti

6. Guwahati (Amingaon)

7. Bangalore

8. Coimbatore

9. Panipat

10. Moradabad

11. Ahmedabad

12. Hyderabad

13. Pune

14. Port side Container Terminal at Wadi Bunder Bombay

15. JNPT Port (Import) (Bombay)

16. Kalamboli (export0 (New Bombay)

17. Bhandup, Bombay

18. Mulund (Bombay)

19. Port side Container Terminal at Tondiarpet Madras.

20. Royapuram, Madras

21. Virugambakkam (Madras)

22. Jaipur

23. Jalandhar

24. Shalimar (Calcutta).

Release of Drug Offenders

1580. SHRI BIJOY KRISHAN HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mere than 2000 drug offenders, nearly 50 per cent of whom are foreigners and currently in Indian jails; are likely to be freed due to international pressure and shortage of judges to hear the cases;

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to prevent the offenders from operating in the drug traffic; and

(c) whether the Government propose to amend the law to distinguish between a major drug offence and a minor one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.